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Bay Association

The Annual Meeting of the Bay Association was held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Tuesday, January 10. Reports from the executive secretary, the treasurer, and the credentials committee were made. The moderator for the coming year will be Rev. E. F. W. Swan, the vice-moderator, Mrs. E. V. Krick, and the registrar, Rev. C. D. Milliken. The following persons will serve as directors during the coming year: Mr. C. W. Brock, Mr. D. H. Dexter, Rev. H. H. Price, Mr. W. H. Hitchings, Rev. E. F. W. Swan, Mr. George H. Carlson, Mr. A. C. Jensen, Mr. E. T. Leiter, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Prof. J. T. Tolson, Mr. A. F. Peterson, Dr. I. B. Ward, Mr. F. H. Seely, Rev. E. R. Colbert, Rev. T. E. Watt, Rev. H. McCartney, Rev. W. W. Furze, and Mr. George S. Martin. The delegates to the General Council will be Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Rev. Gail Cleland, and Rev. F. J. Van Horn. Notice was given to amend the by-laws by providing for an executive committee of the board of directors.

Rev. Gail Cleland presented the plans for a campaign of education against alcohol. Rev. T. T. Giffen gave the most timely address on "Religion in a Time of Testing." The evening session was devoted to the Laymen's Inquiry for foreign missions and the program was in the hands of laymen. Mr. Ralph T. Fisher presided. He was somewhat acquainted with the inquiry, since it was under his brother, Galen Fisher, that the study was made. Dr. H. H. Guy, who served on the inquiry, told of the methods followed. Following this, Prof. Chas. E. Rugh, Prof. Geo. M. Stratton, Prof. Robert E. Stone and Mr. Seldon C. Smith gave their own reactions as laymen to the report. Mr. Smith pointed out that the report of the inquiry had done to missions just what a business man must do in investigating his own business in a time of stress.

R. E. GATHERINGS

Announcement was made in the last issue of The Pacific of the district gatherings of the State Council of Religious Education, which are to be held as follows:

Chico—March 6-7.
Sacramento—March 8-9.
Modesto—March 10-11.
Fresno—March 12-13.
Oakland—March 14-15.
San Jose—March 16-17.
Santa Rosa—March 20-21.
Eureka—March 22-23.
San Francisco—March 24.

On the first day at each place there will be conferences with pastors and others on the themes: "What is the task of the church now?" "Individual loyalty versus group loyalty," "Judged by the response that we are getting, what is it that we do to people in our Preaching and Christian Education program?"

Inspirational addresses will be delivered in the evening sessions. Superintendent Gill will speak at the Chico and Santa Rosa meetings on these occasions.

Conferences will continue the following morning. Pastors and Sunday School workers are urged to attend the gathering which is nearest to their locality.

NOT SO BAD! NOT SO GOOD!

Well done, California! When business conditions are taken into account, and when comparisons are made with other states, we did not do so badly. To be sure, the loss will be keenly felt, the more so because it is added to the shortage of the year before.

Here is the story for 1932 income for benevolences as remitted through the San Francisco office.

For the Home Boards.....	\$ 7,556.77
(This is a loss of \$520.96 over 1931 figures.)	
For the American Board (Foreign Missions).....	11,973.35
(This is \$788.00 less than for 1931.)	
For our own State Conference.....	19,168.76
(This is \$3,531.30 less than our receipts for 1931. The reason for this greater loss for the Conference is the fact that in 1931 we had a loyalty offering for our own state work which swelled the total for that year.)	
For State Ministerial Relief Society.....	618.04
(This is an increase of \$150.76 over 1931 due to an increase in the percentage set aside for this work which went into effect October 1, 1932.)	

Total.....\$39,316.92

(This is a total reduction of \$4,679.50 or 10.6 per cent as against a loss throughout the entire denomination of 17.33 per cent, as reported at the Mid-Winter meeting at Chicago. For this we should take courage and give thanks.

Our situation was saved somewhat by the Dollar Plan which helped to the extent of over \$2,200 and the Thank Offering of \$989.32, both of which items are included in the totals.

The figures as set forth are subject to correction, and do not include money sent to the eastern offices of the national boards. A final total must wait until the publication of the Year Book.

Having set forth the encouraging facts, let us not lose sight of that loss of \$3,531.30 in our Conference receipts as compared with 1931. Last April at the beginning of the fiscal year we cut our expenditures very sharply. As a result of those economies we held the deficit for the nine months ending January 10th, to \$856.97.

It must be remembered that the remaining three months of the fiscal year (January, February and March) bring less money to our treasury than any other three months. In other words, unless drastic action were taken, the Board of Directors foresaw a shortage by April 1 that we dare not permit.

In order to avoid such a serious consequence the Superintendent and Appropriations Committee recommended, and the Board voted, further reductions in the budget to take effect as of January 1, amounting to more than \$370 per month. These reductions begin with the Superintendent, office staff and general expenditures and extend to several of the home mission fields. It means hardship and sacrifice, but the "cuts" have been made so as to interfere as little as possible with the progress of the work.

An additional factor which made the reductions necessary is the increasing difficulty of keeping up the earning power of our invested funds, some of which have defaulted.

Word has come from several churches that their gifts for 1933 will be further reduced. It is a time when each church or individual who is still able to carry on, shall not waver, but shall purpose that "Where I stand the line shall not break."

A THOUSAND DOLLAR THANK OFFERING

The annual Thank Offering which is sponsored by the Federation of Congregational Women yielded a total of \$989.32 for the year 1932. According to the plan which has long been in operation, the Thank Offering is divided in the same proportion as the regular benevolence funds, i.e. 50 per cent for state work, 30 per cent for the American Board, and 20 per cent for the home boards. The Thank Offering is not credited to the local church on its apportionment, but is a gift of loyalty and appreciation to the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the Year Book figures will not include the Thank Offering in the gifts credited to the local church, The Pacific is glad to publish the list that our people may know the splendid work that is being done by the women of our churches. In a few instances the local church insisted that its money which had been gathered as a Thank Offering should be counted toward the apportionment. Since in these instances credit will be given in the Year Book, their names are omitted from the following list of Thank Offering receipts for the year.

Alameda.....\$ 61.20

Benicia.....	16.98
Berkeley—First.....	80.52
North.....	34.75
Ceres.....	8.80
Crockett.....	3.00
Eureka.....	39.97
Ferndale.....	28.00
Fresno—First.....	20.84
Lodi—First.....	16.77
Loomis.....	5.00
Murphy.....	2.50
Oakland—First.....	183.63
Fruitvale.....	17.50
Pilgrim.....	5.00
Plymouth.....	20.87
Pacific Grove.....	26.29
Palo Alto.....	77.87
Paradise.....	6.91
Petaluma.....	31.00
Pittsburg.....	18.44
Sacramento.....	31.00
San Francisco—First.....	75.19
San Jose.....	77.18
San Mateo.....	37.22
Santa Cruz.....	38.71
Sebastopol.....	8.65
Sonoma.....	1.00
Stockton.....	13.50

Total.....\$989.32

A Thank Offering amounting to \$15.48 was received from Saratoga too late to be credited in 1932.

Birth of A Church

A brand new Congregational Church is in the process of formation at Ambrose, a community lying near the Shell chemical plant between Port Chicago and Pittsburg. Some months ago Mrs. J. L. Carpenter, the mother of Mr. Raymond L. Cramer, who is pastor at Port Chicago, was asked to assist in the formation of the Junior Endeavor Society at Ambrose, where there had been a union Sunday School. This she was glad to do. A number of the parents became interested and Mr. Cramer was asked to preach in the school house Sunday nights. As time passed by the people began to talk about the organization of a church. The Home Missions Council allocated the territory to us. A petition was circulated in the community which listed 56 persons who desired to be enrolled as charter members. On Friday evening, February 3, a meeting was held which was attended by Rev. Henry Stauffer, moderator of the Upper Bay Association, and Superintendent Gill. A committee on by-laws was appointed and action was taken requesting the Upper Bay Association to hold a special meeting on Friday evening, March 3, to review the proceedings of the church and if found satisfactory to recognize and admit the church into our fellowship.

The community is made up of working people, some of whom are members of our Pittsburg church. These people are being encouraged by Rev. C. C. Champlin, the Pittsburg pastor, to unite in the new enterprise. The organization of this church will give us a chain of churches along the Straits including Crockett, Martinez, Port Chicago, Ambrose, Pittsburg and Antioch.

SURVEY CONFERENCE

The Home Missions Survey Conference will be held at Sacramento, First Methodist Church, February 16-17. At these meetings the result of the very careful survey of Northern California which was made a year ago will be presented. Rev. W. R. King and Rev. Charles T. Greenway of the National Home Missions Council will be present and speak. Rev. Roy B. Guild of the Federal Council of Churches, Rev. Mark A. Dawber and Rev. E. B. Kohlstedt of the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be on the program. There will be discussions of the various items of the report which will be of inestimable value for home missionary work of the future in that large and needy area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16-17—Home Missions Survey Conference. Sacramento, First Methodist Church.

February 20-23—Interdenominational Pastoral Conference. First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

February 24-25—Church Unity League. First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

May 24-31—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 29-August 5—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 17-19—State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

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THEY STOOD BY

The story of 1932 has been told so far as the benevolence gifts are concerned. While the shrinkage over the previous year is severe, we came through in better shape than most of the states, and with a smaller shrinkage and with a smaller deficit than anticipated a month ago. The church-by-church report of the gifts remitted to the Conference office appears below. The figures include 97½% of Dollar Plan gifts by the churches which participated in the plan. They do not include the Thank Offering, which appears in a separate column. However, the total amount of the Thank Offering is included in the item marked "Miscellaneous." Neither do these figures include remittances made directly to the eastern offices of the American Board or the home boards, or to the General Conference of German speaking churches. The final total of all of the gifts made by the churches will not be available until the Year Book is published some months hence.

Adin	\$ 200.30
Alameda	550.20
Alturas	34.63
Angel's Camp	111.20
Antioch	56.27
Auburn	43.93
Benicia	35.50
Berkeley, First	7,954.73
North	1,273.63
Park	113.82
Campbell	293.88
Ceres	260.49
Cloverdale	170.88
Cotati	129.44
Crockett	194.58
Eureka	166.63
Fairfax	97.97
Ferndale	385.12
Fresno, First	650.76
Fresno, Japanese	6.83
Pilgrim	104.87
Zion	64.63
Glen Ellen	12.87
Grass Valley	25.01
Guerneville	49.63
Hayfork	5.85
Hayward	113.75
Kenwood	81.46
Lewiston	6.34
Lockeford	5.85
Lodi, First	1,369.66
Loomis	14.00
Martinez	182.76
Murphy	46.83
Niles	52.78
Oakland, Bethany	44.63
Calvary	40.83
First	6,870.00
Fruitvale	5.85
Japanese	10.73
Olivet	18.70
Pilgrim	50.22
Plymouth	1,525.99
Oroville	310.00
Pacific Grove	504.75
Palo Alto	2,072.98
Paradise	150.02
Pescadero	10.00
Petaluma	749.41
Pittsburg	87.90

ECHOES FROM MID WINTER MEETING

"The line shall not break where I stand." This slogan given in a quiet, almost incidental manner by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, who served as chaplain of the mid-winter meetings, at once took hold of the thinking of the delegates and provided a rallying cry for our fellowship. The meetings at Evanston of superintendents, the prudential committee of the American Board and the directors of the home boards, were held during the third week of January and were well attended. While there was no wild enthusiasm such as was born in days of triumph, there was a sober and a courageous facing of facts and a manifest determination that financial conditions would not be permitted to break the morale of our churches. Preliminary reports made following a hurried study of the financial receipts up to January tenth indicated a loss of \$408,355 for 1932 as against 1931, or about seventeen and a third per cent. The Dollar Plan saved the work of the denomination to the extent of \$71,000. Were it not for that plan our loss would have been twenty per cent. Other denominations are apparently in as difficult or even worse situations.

It was apparent that further retrenchments in expenditures must be made, and it was recognized that before such reductions could be made on the field with justice, that cuts must be made in salaries of officials and general overhead expense. The Commission on Missions will have a reduced staff and a sliding scale of salary reductions from 10% up to 30%. Recommendation was made to the boards that similar action be taken. One state conference must operate its entire program on a budget of \$8,600. It was brought out that the self-supporting state conferences in the middle west have been hit harder than any other section of the country, and are in worse condition than the missionary states of the northwest and the south. Pastors have been reduced in salary up to 50% and many of them are receiving no guarantee whatsoever but are taking pot luck with the people. Even in areas which

are being taken care of by the Red Cross, our ministers are staying on and looking after the spiritual interests of the people even when opportunities have come to move elsewhere. At no point was there manifest a spirit of defeat or despair.

The Appraisal Committee, which has been at work for a year, made its report and in general its principles were adopted by the Commission on Missions, and will be recommended to the General Council at Cleveland. If the plan as now outlined prevails the Commission on Missions hereafter will not include all of the directors of the home and foreign boards but will be made up of 21 persons, seven of whom will be nominated by the foreign board, seven by the home board and seven by the superintendents' conference. This commission will meet twice a year and will have no executive committee. The Cooperative Council will be reduced in number and will serve as a sort of an executive committee for the Commission. The present arrangement of two coordinate secretaries of the Commission on Missions has been changed so that hereafter there will be one secretary with assistants, one of whom shall be a woman.

As to promotional plans for the coming year, it was the consensus of opinion that we should lend assistance to the churches in meeting their apportionments as nearly as possible, but that no special drive should be made and no extra appeal should be presented. The denomination stands ready to furnish to churches, without cost, offering envelopes, and boxes whereby small amounts may be gathered during the year to help the church in making its contributions to missions. The judgment of our own benevolence promotion committee last year in crediting Dollar Plan receipts to the apportionment of the local church was abundantly justified by our experience and the wisdom of the plan was acknowledged by our national leaders in the steps now announced for assisting the churches for the coming year.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY. Rev. Y. K. Rushdoony reports an increased attendance at morning worship and an awakening of spiritual co-operation. During the month of January he touched 146 persons through pastoral visits.

Port Chicago	6.83
Porterville	75.00
Redwood City	655.97
Reedley	5.00
Reno, Nevada	515.20
Ripon	115.83
Sacramento	1,034.65
Salida	49.53
San Carlos	50.00
San Francisco, Bethany- Mission Pk.	462.22
Calvary	30.84
Chinese	21.00
First	167.97
Ocean View	56.70
Richmond	58.87
Sanger	1.95
San Jose	1,211.80
San Leandro	127.57
San Mateo	235.85
San Rafael	14.00
Santa Cruz	965.00
Santa Rosa	297.24
Saratoga	888.47
Sebastopol	161.71
Sonoma	129.23
Soquel	6.00
Stockton	1,503.23
Suisun	75.00
Sunnyvale	41.84
Sunol	40.00
Tulare	395.03
Weaverville	79.38
Woodside	175.38

TRINITY COUNTY. All appointments outside of Weaverville were called off during the month on account of weather and road conditions. Rev. Robert J. Allen is the pastor.

REV. E. D. WEAGE

Rev. Edward Densmore Weage passed away in Santa Barbara on December 27. For two years prior to his death he had been perfectly helpless and unable to speak, so that his going was a happy release from suffering.

Mr. Weage was born in Ohio in 1859. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were ministers. Mr. Weage was educated in Grinnell College and Union Park Theological Seminary, Chicago. He was ordained in 1884 at Evansville, Wisconsin, where he served his first church. In 1885 he came to California. His first church was at National City. He was twice pastor at Tulare, and he served the churches at Cloverdale and Guerneville. He was also pastor in Port Angeles and Seattle, Washington. His study of Catholic Missions on the coast was published in the Bibliotheca Sacra. He was a trained musician, a lover of nature, and an authority on Pacific coast flowers. Wherever he served the churches of our fellowship he made for himself a host of friends and admirers.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Geneva V. Weage, by a son, Densmore C. Weage, and two daughters, Miss Marian D. Weage and Mrs. L. J. Hodgins.

Pastors Gather

The Thirteenth Interdenominational Pastoral Conference of the Pacific School of Religion will be held in Berkeley February 20 to 23. The day sessions will be at the University, Christian Church and the Earl Lectures in the evening at the First Congregational Church. Rev. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, is to be the Earl lecturer. His general theme will be "Public Problems and Religion." America's peace policy, democracy, the depression and nationalism will be discussed on the different evenings. Rev. George P. Hedley will serve as chaplain, conducting three quiet hour periods on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be round tables conducted by Prof. George M. Stratton of the University of California; Rev. H. L. Bowman of Portland Oregon; Prof. J. W. Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion; Rev. W. P. Remington, Bishop of Eastern Oregon Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. Hugh Vernon White, secretary of the American Board; and Prof. H. F. Evans of the Pacific School of Religion.

On the afternoon of the first day Rev. O. W. S. McCall will conduct an hour on evangelism under the theme: "Persuading for God in an Age of Change." All Congregational ministers are urged to be present, as this hour is the outgrowth of the report of our Conference Committee on Evangelism. Congregational pastors will have luncheon together and consider some matters of their own interest on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m.

REV. J. B. SILCOX

Rev. J. B. Silcox, who was twice pastor of our church in Sacramento and who at different times supplied San Francisco First and Pacific Grove Mayflower churches, passed away at his home at Toronto, Canada, on January 20. He was 85 years of age. Dr. Silcox was a preacher of great power and spiritual insight. Churches all over the United States and Canada were reached by his ministry, and not a few ministers found him the source of great inspiration.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The Fellowship of Prayer, a devotional booklet for daily use during Lent, is ready for distribution. This year it has been prepared by Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins. The devotional studies begin on March 1 and continue to Easter. This is the fifteenth year for the Fellowship of Prayer, which has become a very helpful part of the Lenten program of the churches throughout the nation. The booklet this year is one of the best ever issued and the cover-page one of the most attractive.

Churches may order the booklet from the Conference Office. Price 3 cents per copy; 25 copies or more, 2 cents per copy.

CONGREGATIONAL HANDBOOKS

The Handbooks published by the National Council are now available and may be secured from the Conference office at 5 cents each. In addition to containing a directory of all denominational officials and boards, the International Sunday School lessons for the year, Christian Endeavor topics and daily readings are provided. Denominational history is outlined. There is much other valuable information. It is a brief and indispensable compendium for pastors and church workers.

Officers of Cacoya spent the week end of February 4 and 5 as guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, planning for Asilomar.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

BERKELEY. NORTH. North Congregational Church has had a very successful year under the leadership of Rev. Elmer Benedict. The church has no large contributors and considers itself fortunate in being out of debt and having operated during the past year without a deficit. Credit for this should be extended to the church moderator, Mr. George S. Martin, and to members of the Board of Directors who co-operated with him in the financial work of the church.

The plans for the coming year are encouraging. The finance committee report a balanced budget. The education committee is planning extensive developments in the church school and young people's work, and a new committee under the leadership of the pastor is stimulating greater church attendance and new memberships.

Mr. John Gregg has been doing splendid work in developing the Kensington Park church school and is encouraging the young people to participate in the activities of the church.

During February Mr. Benedict is preaching four sermons to young people: "Youth in Religion," "Youth and the Bible," "Youth and Jesus," "Youth and the Church."

LODI. The 61st Annual Meeting was held January 13. Every department of the church showed progress and in spite of the depression the finances were encouraging. The mid-week prayer meetings are being held in homes of the members and are followed by periods of good fellowship. The Pilgrim Players of Stockton recently presented a play and Mrs. C. A. Broadus, also of Stockton, gave a talk on a recent Sunday evening on Holman Hunt's painting, "The Light of the World." Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. At the annual meeting it was reported that the year had been closed with the books balanced. The church shows an increase of 18 members, not counting 30 junior members. The young people's societies number 90 in membership with average attendance of 70. The three young people's societies take the evening worship in turn. Thirty-five attend junior worship in the morning. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, and his wife have been admitted to citizenship in the United States and are very happy in the event.

PETALUMA. The vesper hour service from the Chapel of the Chimes on Sunday, March 19, from 5 to 6 p.m., will be under the direction of this church. It will be broadcast over stations KTAB and KRE. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, will give the address, and his choir will furnish music. The Chapel of the Chimes will welcome any other nearby church which has adequate choir, chorus or orchestra for a vesper service.

ADIN. Extreme cold weather has made work in Big Valley difficult. Road conditions have not been good, and people have stayed closely at home. However, a lay visitation of families was conducted and a traveling mission study library has been secured. Rev. Westwood Wallace is the pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The men of the protestant churches of Redwood City are organized into a club called the "Men O' Kirk." Once in two months the club sponsors an evening service. On January 29 Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker. A splendid audience greeted him.

SACRAMENTO. At the annual meeting a net gain of 20 members was reported for the year, bringing the total up to 602. In addition there is a young people's membership of 89. Thirty-three organizations, boards and committees made reports. All bills for the year were paid, a special committee having gathered a total of \$600 during the close of the year to supplement the income. A troublesome note of two years' standing has also been wiped out. The young people's church has been established with a charter membership. Sixty-two of the 89 united on confession of faith. It was a moving sight to see the great throng of young people gathered about the church altar.

The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, is chairman of a committee for making a thorough-going religious survey of the city. Lutherans, Episcopalians, Jews, Catholics and members of various races are co-operating. Following the survey nearly all of the churches of the city will participate in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign.

PORT CHICAGO. The Sunday School enrollment is 88, with an average attendance of about 69, although before the bank failure and the shrinkage in population which began last May there were several occasions on which the attendance reached 100. A high compliment was paid to Mr. Raymond Cramer and his assistants in the church and Sunday School when teachers of the public school said that they could notice a difference in the children since they were attending Sunday School, that they were more thoughtful and less destructive.

BERKELEY. PARK. The Community Sunday evening programs are attracting wide attention, the average attendance being 135, which is something that Park Church has not seen in years. Not only are people attending, but the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, has the opportunity to explain the program of the community church. Among the speakers for various occasions have been Chaplain Shuder of San Quentin, Dr. Alonzo Baker, Rabbi R. I. Coffee, Father O'Hara, and Duncan Matheson.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson is trying a plan of asking his members to subscribe their attendance at the church services for a year, marking an "x" opposite the number of Sundays they expect to be present for at least one service. On a recent Sunday he had 87 calendars on display, each person present having an opportunity to choose one to keep. The sermon subject was "How Old Art Thou?"

SOQUEL. The annual meeting was voted the best the church has known for some time. All treasuries had small balances. All offices were filled and plans laid for meeting the apportionment and improving the parish work. Rev. J. J. Kelly, pastor emeritus, offered a prayer of consecration for the officers who had been elected. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

RENO. On the first Sunday of January fourteen persons were received into membership of the church. In spite of the tying up of funds by bank failures, the Reno church met its benevolence obligations in a splendidly generous manner. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH: The annual meeting of Plymouth Church was attended by a large group of interested friends and members. Reports of all departments and organizations, including little tots in the primary department of the Sunday School, Young People of the senior groups and societies and men and women of the various boards and organizations, told of the work being done by the church. Rev. W. J. Sherman of the First Methodist Church in Oakland gave the address and expressed a righteous (?) covetousness for the workers and opportunities of Plymouth Church. Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, the pastor, spent two weeks of the month in attending the mid-winter meetings at Evanston. Clifford Simpson, formerly associate at this church, is studying in Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary and helping in the program of Broadway Tabernacle and Riverside Church.

FRESNO. PILGRIM. At the close of the morning service on Christmas Sunday a member of the Board of Trustees requested the audience to remain seated. To the surprise of all, an oil painting of the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, was presented by Mr. M. H. Aram, the artist. It was a token of affection and appreciation for the service of the pastor during the years since 1914. Mr. Aram is a tailor. For over a year he had devoted his spare moments to this gift of love. The painting hangs in the chapel.

During the Week of Prayer in the early part of January the church co-operated with other churches of Fresno in union services, the pastor speaking four times during the week.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM. Methodist and Christian churches united with this church for a course of lectures by Dr. George P. Hedley on ten Wednesday evenings on "The Bible for Today." One hundred and twenty-five people were present at the annual meeting and a six-point program was adopted for the coming year. A new bulletin board has been installed, and a great deal of work done in improving the grounds and starting a garden. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

MODOC INDIANS. During January Miss Mary Coxhead conducted three services of worship, three women's meetings, three children's meetings, two funerals and made seventeen calls. This in addition to speaking at the annual meeting of the Women's Federation in Alameda and at the San Mateo and Berkeley churches. Through a grant from the American Bible Society she is able to make a limited distribution of Bibles and Testaments.

FAIRFAX. Attendance at services of worship have shown a marked increase. A Fellowship Bible Class, which meets Sunday evening, is considered as a part of the Sunday School. The Young People's Society has taken over the work of caring for the building. Rev. James W. Price, the pastor, was ill for a time with influenza, but is again at his task.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Deep snow, intense cold and much illness have interfered with the program of work during January. Rev. J. T. Munton pastor, narrowly escaped an accident on the road by being blinded with snow. Plans are being made for a strong spring program of work.

NILES. Christmas baskets for needy families were provided by the church and the Ladies' Guild. On Sunday morning, January 8, a beautiful Lawson cypress tree was dedicated to the memory of Miss Martha Sanford, who had been a faithful worker in this church. The tree had been previously used as an indoor Christmas tree during the holidays but is now planted in the lawn. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, believes in good works of the kind that demand shirt sleeves, for he has been trimming the sycamore trees which were mere twigs when the editor of The Pacific was pastor at Niles, but have recently been resting their limbs upon and against the church building. Incidentally, a goodly amount of fuel has been thus provided. Congregations have been larger this winter than for some years. Occasionally more men than women are in attendance. An adult Bible class has been formed, which is small but very promising.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST. Rev. Kerison Juniper has resigned as the pastor of this church to take effect after a service of about eighteen months. During this brief period he has endeared himself to a large number of people within his congregation and to those who have come in contact with him from our wider fellowship. While in San Francisco he has emphasized the spiritual note in his sermons, he has sponsored the formation of a splendid choir, he has taken an active interest in the Sunday School, and the young people's society has thrived under his encouragement. The Pacific joins with his friends in wishing for him a happy and fruitful ministry as he goes to other fields of labor.

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. H. S. Mahood is slowly recovering from a long illness which has afflicted him, and is expected back in the pulpit within the next two weeks. On a recent Sunday the Advent Christian Church and its pastor came in a body to the Congregational Church, joining in the service of worship, the visiting pastor conducting the exercises and preaching the sermon. At the annual meeting of the Sunday School an enrollment of 270 was reported. The school is well organized by departments.

SAN CARLOS. At the annual meeting it was reported that all but a few dollars in outstanding bills had been paid. A total of 221 services, meetings and social evenings have been held in connection with the church during twelve months. Eleven new members have been added to the church, while two were lost by death. There were nine baptisms. The pastor, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, made a total of 506 calls during the year. The benevolence pledge was paid in full.

SUNNYVALE. The work of the church is progressing favorably in all departments with good congregations. The attendance at the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor societies is encouraging, and in spite of the financial condition of the farmers the financial support has held up well. Rev. Charles G. Marshall is the pastor.



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Women's Federation News

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We pause to pay our heartfelt tribute to Calvin Coolidge, a Congregationalist, but a man respected and honored by all creeds and parties.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

Carry him back to the scenes he loved,
Back to his wind-swept hills,
Blanketed now in ice and snow,
Precursor of daffodils.

The quiet strength of the hills was his,
The rugged faith of his sires,
While the patterns he moulded became our own

Through truth's unquenchable fires.
Truth and honor he yielded to none,
Unswerving, courageous, he stands
A symbol of what each man would be,
Unspoiled from his Maker's hands.

So let him rest by his well-loved hills,
His task fulfilled, well done;
He kept the faith, he measured up,
His guerdon now is won.

KEY NOTES

A number of key notes were struck at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Federation in the Alameda Church, January 19 to 20, and all of them rang true. Not a minor note was heard, and all left with a feeling of thankfulness, eager to make their lives more harmonious and to strike deeper chords of universal brotherhood and internationalism during the coming year.

NOTES OF REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. H. L. Holcomb's report of the year's work, comprehensive and complete in every detail.

Mrs. E. W. Krick's delightful account of welcoming returning missionaries and rendering invaluable services to them. The peak was reached in 1923 when 23 were met, the lowest number being three in 1932.

Miss Coxhead's review of our California Indians, their life on reservations, sometimes on lava beds, rarely on fertile lands that permit cultivation and normal living. She told of helpful contacts with white people through schools and business, which helped to make the Indians more desirable citizens and plead that we give them a chance.

Much as we love the old songs, new themes are always in demand. Mrs. Cleland never fails us. Most carefully prepared courses on mission study were outlined and mimeographed copies given to all present, with lists of materials, prices and where to order. Send to Mrs. Gail Cleland, 2000 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, for your copy.

ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

Mrs. Norman Henderson and Mrs. John R. Hahn suggested new approaches to program work and discussion from the floor followed. Some conclusions reached were that to live up to our Christian heritage we should touch various phases of community life to elevate and improve them: juvenile delinquency, health, social welfare, world peace, temperance, and racial problems, were stressed. Give our women the best, then let them go out with renewed vision and vigor to intelligently co-operate with the men to bring things to pass.

This discussion was most fittingly followed by a clever dramatic presentation of the work of social relations by members of the Alameda Church, called "KFRS Speaking." It was finely done under the skillful direction of Georgia Lou Owens. This play may be secured from our own Mrs. E. B. Mead.

THREE BASS NOTES

The deep, vibrant messages of three men added greatly to the enjoyment of the Annual Meeting. Thursday evening the speaker was Mr. A. I. Raja Singham, of India, at present a student at the University of California, living at the International House, Berkeley. He finds our American young people, as are the young people in India, hungering for God and a better way of living. When they take their problems to church there is no solution; they listen to addresses, book reviews, musical programs, and at last they cease going. He asked if we, in America, could not find some better way in which to minister to and satisfy this soul hunger of our young people. Is not this something about which we may all do well to think seriously?

Rev. Henry Siauffer, of Antioch, turned the spotlight of scientific investigation on the demon alcohol, and gave a heart-searching address on the evils of intemperance, stressing education as the best way to grapple with the problem. The conscience of America is aroused and our ablest men and women throughout the country are uniting in planning definite, up-to-date, attractive programs on the subject.

No small task confronted Dr. Gail Cleland in presenting the much discussed book "Rethinking Missions," but with trenchant questions and clear cut statements he showed us the lasting values that must always be attributed to missions everywhere. Owing to various factors, however, there must be a unification of administration at home and abroad. He urged all to buy the little brochure "Re-Thinking Foreign Mission with the American Board" an excellent resume of the book, which may be purchased at our Conference office for 15 cents.

IN A LIGHTER KEY

As this was the tenth Annual Meeting of the Federation since the merger, Mrs. H. M. Smitten and Miss Helen Perkins prepared a delightful service of recognition for the four presidents who have given so generously of their time, ability and inspiration during these years. This service was held after the luncheon Friday in honor of Mrs. Herman E. Swartz, Mrs. Robert E. Brown, Mrs. Thomas E. Borden and Mrs. Charles T. Tinker.

Another feature of the luncheon was the very happy introduction of the officers, by our versatile vice-president, Mrs. James Hazlett, who also presided at both sessions on Friday. She had prepared appropriate limericks for each officer.

The Annual Meeting closed, as it had opened, with an impressive devotional service. The thought so beautifully expressed by Mrs. Cora M. Collier in her solo, "I'm sure I shall not pass this way again" was then enlarged upon by our president in the hush of the twilight hour. Work, concrete work, not words, Mrs. C. T. Tinker emphasized in her message for the coming months; "God is still in His heaven" in spite of the lowering clouds that seem to shut out our sun. "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Our own church demands our first allegiance, then we should extend our influence for good in every possible way. There never was a time when our loyalty to ideals was more necessary, or when prayer, unceasing prayer, should be so motivating a force in each of our lives.

IN VARIED KEYS

In spite of the hard times, Mrs. George E. Savage reported seven new societies sending in Thank Offering gifts. The total amount \$989.32, would have been only \$100 less than last year, had every Association sent in its offerings promptly before the books were closed.

Mrs. W. G. Lenfestey told us that a grand total of \$1,555.41 worth of supplies was given through her department of Social Welfare Work. This included boxes and money gifts sent to our workers on the Home and Foreign fields.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill has secured 300 subscribers to the Prayer Cycle; Mrs. C. C. Harmon reported a goodly number of speakers who had contributed generously of their time and ability to aid other associations and stimulate them to new endeavors; while Miss Martha Stamford had most encouraging news of the young people and their progress.

The reports of the Association Presidents were listened to with the deepest interest. They were given with great enthusiasm and showed the various associations to be in excellent condition and carrying on in spite of many adverse conditions.

WE THANK YOU

Our grateful thanks are due to the Alameda Church for its hospitality and welcome, but especially are we grateful to our energetic and genial host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Gail Cleland, who are never failing in every good cause, in resourcefulness, in service, and to whom we offer our united thanks.

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DECALOGUE FOR TODAY

In response to the request from a number of pastors and churches, copies of the article "A Decalogue for Today" by Superintendent Gill which was published in the December issue of The Pacific, have been struck off in leaflet form and are available to churches at 1c a copy or 50c a hundred. Our readers will remember that this was the charge to the people given on the occasion of the ordination of R. N. England at Auburn.

I AM THANKFUL EVERY DAY

*that you have charge of the money—It is safer than
in other investments*

The above sentence is quoted from a letter that recently reached our office from a woman who turned over to the California Home Missionary Society a sum of money several years ago, on which she receives an income as long as she lives. She has the joy of knowing that when she no longer needs the income it will be used for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

*Would it not be well to investigate the rates and
conditions of such gifts? We will be
glad to furnish information*

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